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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company
Leveraged Lease Locomotive Financing
BNSF 1997-C

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am enclosing for recording pursuant to Section 11301 of Title 49 of the United States Code, three original copies of the document described below. As one of the attorneys representing the Lessee in this transaction, I have knowledge of the matters described in this letter.

The enclosed document is as follows:

Memorandum of Lessor Security Agreement (BNSF 1997-C), dated April 28, 1997, between Fargo Locomotive Lease Co., Ltd., as lessor (the "Lessor"), and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as lessee (the "Lessee").

The names and addresses of the parties to the enclosed document are as follows:

Lessee: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company
2650 Lou Menk Drive
Second Floor
Fort Worth, Texas 76131

Lessor: Fargo Locomotive Lease Co., Ltd.
Caledonian House
Mary Street
P.O. Box 1043
George Town
Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands

The underlying Lessor Security Agreement provides, *inter alia*, for the granting of a junior security interest in certain Locomotives (the "Equipment") in favor of the Lessee.

The description of the Equipment covered as of the date hereof by the aforesaid Memorandum of Lessor Security Agreement is as set forth on Exhibit A hereto.

Law Offices of
CHAPMAN AND CUTLER

A fee of twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) is enclosed. Please time and date stamp the enclosed copies of the enclosed document along with the extra copy of this letter as proof of filing and recordation of the enclosed document and return the original and any extra copies of such document and this letter not needed by the Board for recordation to:

Karl T. Williams, Esq.
Chapman and Cutler
111 West Monroe
Chicago, Illinois 60603

A short summary of the document to appear in the index follows:

MEMORANDUM OF LESSOR SECURITY AGREEMENT:

Memorandum of Lessor Security Agreement (BNSF 1997-C) between Fargo Locomotive Lease Co., Ltd., as Lessor, Caledonian House, Mary Street, P.O. Box 1043, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as Lessee, 2650 Lou Menk Drive, Second Floor, Fort Worth, Texas 76131, dated April 28, 1997, covering certain diesel electric locomotives bearing the road numbers listed in the Exhibit attached thereto.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned (312-845-3892).

Sincerely,

CHAPMAN AND CUTLER

By Karl T. Williams
Karl T. Williams

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Enclosure

EXHIBIT A

UNITS

EQUIPMENT	QUANTITY	ROAD NUMBERS
New General Motors Corporation (Electro-Motive Division) SD70M-AC Locomotives	7	BNSF 9776, BNSF 9779, BNSF 9780, BNSF 9790 and BNSF 9800 through BNSF 9802, inclusive
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WITNESSETH:

The undersigned have entered into that certain Lessor Security Agreement (BNSF 1997-C), dated as of April 28, 1997, whereby the Lessor has granted to the Lessee a security interest in certain locomotives bearing road numbers as listed on Exhibit A attached hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have each caused this memorandum to be duly executed by their respective officers duly authorized as of the date and year first above written.

FARGO LOCOMOTIVE LEASE CO., LTD.

By 
Name: F. Jan Blaustein
Title: President

Executed on this 18th day of April, 1997.THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE
RAILWAY COMPANY

By _____
Name: Paul J. Weyandt
Title: Assistant Vice President-Finance
and Assistant Treasurer

Executed on this ____ day of April, 1997.

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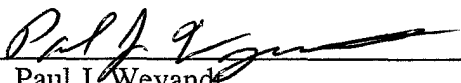
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By _____
Name: F. Jan Blaustein
Title: President

Executed on this ____ day of April, 1997.

THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE
RAILWAY COMPANY

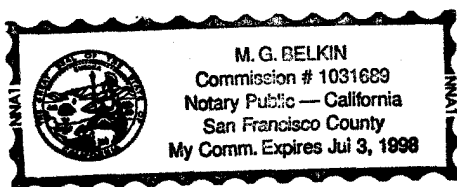
By 
Name: Paul J. Weyandt
Title: Assistant Vice President-Finance
and Assistant Treasurer

Executed on this 18th day of April, 1997.

STATE OF California)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF San Francisco)

On this, the 18th day of April, 1997, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared F. Jan Blaustein, who being by me duly sworn, says that she is the President of Fargo Locomotive Lease Co., Ltd., that said instrument was signed on April 18, 1997 on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and she acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.



M.G. Belkin
Name: M.G. Belkin
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
Residing in _____

STATE OF _____)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF _____)

On this, the ____ day of April, 1997, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Paul J. Weyandt, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is the Assistant Vice President - Finance and Assistant Treasurer of THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY, that said instrument was signed on April , 1997 on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

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Name:
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
Residing in _____

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COUNTY OF Cook)

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

Dorothy V. Schaeetzle
Name:
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
Residing in Lake In The Hills, Ill.

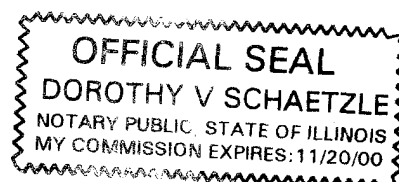


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